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THIS ONE WENT IN THE NET...



Huge "wastage" of junior soccer talent

An estimated 18,000 junior soccer players between the ages of 14 and 16 next spring will drift out of the code in New South Wales, according to the Sydney Daily Telegraph.

Top junior officials claim this is approximately soccer's annual wastage.

They base their statistics on the ages of youngsters playing soccer this winter.

In the under-14 group 22,000 boys are registered players.

In the under-18 group the figure drops to 4000.

Apathy of officials and lack of interest by the senior clubs is considered the main cause for this vast loss.

Junior officials believe they could reduce the wastage of the vast potential which each year turns out with the under-12 years group.

Of the 22,000 under-12 youngsters in registered

teams this winter a meagre 25 can in the future hope to get a try-out in a first division side in Sydney.

BIG INFLUX

Junior association officials say the big influx of migrant soccer players has virtually squeezed local juniors out of top soccer.

But they are adamant that the juniors have potential which, if developed intelligently, would lift Sydney soccer to world-class in less than a decade.

Many of the European first division players who migrated to Sydney in the past five years agree with this theory.

The tragedy of Sydney

soccer is that little is done by responsible officials to interest juniors or develop their potential.

Canterbury - Marrickville club is the notable exception.

For the past three years Canterbury - Marrickville club has conducted a summer coaching school.

This school, organised and financed by the Canterbury club, has produced many first-grade players.

Mr Andy Burton, a former president of the New South Wales Junior Soccer Association, believes the crucial age of a junior is 12 to 14 years.

Mr Burton was foundation president of the Sydney Soccer Federation.

He wants to see a Sydney-wide junior coaching scheme organised to handle the players of 12 to 14 years who show outstanding talent.

"There are hundreds of kids who come into this category," Mr Burton said.

"Canterbury - Marrickville club cannot hope to handle them all."

"I would like to see a vast junior coaching scheme undertaken by the Federation and involving every first division side."

"Senior coaches and top players could look after the specially chosen youngsters."

The ball hit the net

to give Hakoah their vital 1-0 win over their rivals for State League honors this year.

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Referees' Column

By JIM DUNBAR

Having been fortunate enough to get away with handing out reminders to all and sundry over the past few weeks, I think it might be a good idea to join the opposition this week, and jog the memories of my colleagues. So, Mr Referee, it's your turn.

It is essential for you to be at your allotted ground on a Saturday, at least half an hour before starting time, if you are to carry out your preliminary duties thoroughly. You will need every minute of the time.

Remember that the moment you set foot on the field you are captain of the ship. Act like one!

There are nets and corner flags to be inspected, team sheets to be completed, linesmen to be instructed, and a good deal of time to be utilised on your own personal appearance. There are also boots to be examined, and you will always get the would-be wise guy who will remind you that you examined his boots last week — no matter — do it again this week.

Immediately you signal the kick-off, you become a mobile law book and no amount of "advice" from inside or outside of the touch-line will influence your decisions, which must be impartial, prompt and fearless, irrespective of how unpopular they may be — and they will be.

I should say that this particularly applies to offside decisions. The offside law undoubtedly is the most controversial in the game, and the majority of onlookers, despite the fact that they have never seen the inside of a law book and are pathetically ignorant of it in its entirety, will never tire of telling you how to operate it. Many hairline decisions will be called for and you have the unenviable task of making them.

Do not forget that you are handling grown men, not children. Treat them accordingly and treat them alike. Be no respecter of persons. There are no "big shots" on the field, just 22 players — and you.

Allow no one, I repeat, no one, to question you on any decision, and clamp down smartly on time-wasters. Part of your job is to help to promote a fast, smooth-flowing game of soccer. In this respect your personal fitness is just as important as that of the players.

Quite often — indeed far too often — when an unpopular, though not necessarily wrong decision has been given players and officials will attempt to cross-question you en masse in the dressing room after the match. Have no part of it! No matter how right your decision may have been one little slip of the tongue can land you in real trouble.

For you, the soccer field can be the most frustrating place in the whole world, where your greatest endeavors can be crushed by a handful of thoughtless, loud-mouthed trouble makers. It can also be a place where you share the enjoyment and mutual respect of true sportsmen.

You will learn a lot about yourself and your antecedents from chappies in the crowd who must surely have been endowed with the gift of second sight.

For my money, Mr Referee, you deserve a medal of solid gold!

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YOUR ZOOM LENS VERDICT.. ARCHIE FLEW ON WING FOR GEORGE CROSS!

Says SOCCER WEEKLY man-on-the-spot JIM COOK

George Cross 3, Moreland 1, at the Showgrounds.

Less than 24 hours after he stepped ashore in Australia, former East Fife winger Archie Campbell took the right-wing for George Cross against Moreland. Don Hodgson made a welcome reappearance at inside-right after his long lay-off through injury.

Moreland, still trying gamely to gain their first point, relied mainly on the line-up which put Hakoah through the mill the previous week.

After a quiet opening George Cross turned on a brand of soccer which

they had not displayed since the Ampol Cup Final and their side showed both cohesion and combination which has been lacking in previous weeks.

New boy Campbell soon showed his technical skill and demonstrated the simplicity of a winger's job by out-maneuvering the Moreland defence repeatedly.

In the 14th minute he put George Cross ahead. From almost the corner kick position he put over a high shot which landed direct into the net. Adams, the Moreland keeper, appeared at fault.

Moreland were showing up well in midfield but their forwards were not holding position and Falzon and Muscat had little difficulty breaking up their attacks.

Near half-time Campbell despatched a perfect centre and Hodgson, as quick as a flash, cracked a beauty past goalie Adams.

Just before half-time, centre-forward Gibb gave Campbell a good pass and the winger made no mistake with his shot to put George Cross three goals in front.

Early in the second half left-winger Brouwer reduced the deficit for Moreland when he cut in from the left and gave Azzopardi no chance with his parting shot.

Late in the game the visitors lost all notion of this being a too friendly match and were repeatedly penalised for fouling. They had luck on their side when left-back Stewart brought Gibb down on the edge of the box.

Summing-up: George Cross were worthy winners in a keenly contested game. The Maltese played a purposeful first half but in the second they played too close, especially their forwards. Campbell had an outstanding debut while Falzon and Hodgson were close behind.

Moreland did not play as a team who are doomed to relegation. They challenged for every ball and their team work was reasonable up to the 18-

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ZOOM LENS . . . ON THE STATE LEAGUE

By DUNCAN McDougall

An easy card for the pool tipsters this week again. The only game likely to prove a surprise could be at Elsternwick Park, where Croat may do better than expected.

Hakoah and Wilhelmina are in no great danger and the battling Slavia can be relied upon to continue their upward climb.

JUVENTUS WILL WIN IT, BUT . . .

In beating Lions last game, Juventus were far from impressive and certainly didn't look like championship material.

Griggs is only a stop gap centre-half and too often outpaced by a speedy centre-forward — as he was last week. Frangioni is missed for his clear cut defensive play and his no-mucking-around clearances. There is little hope of him playing this week either, which will be a big help to Croat.

Juventus will win, but unless their woeful forwards shake themselves out of a lethargic approach to goal scoring the Italian half-line is in for another busy 90 minutes.

Juventus are solid from Beurte to Barbon at left-half, but from there on (with the exception of Kenny, who tries gallantly all the time) the solidarity ends and uncertainty takes over in no uncertain manner.

Unless Barbazza leaves for his home country, he'll probably be playing in the centre again. This is something that won't unduly worry the Croat pivot Silvar. The Italian centre still persists with the ancient trick — it went out with crystal set wireless — in trying to steal self-inflicted penalties, an act that must surely annoy his fellow forwards, especially when with the ball at their feet and looking for a lead they find their centre-forward hurtling

around looking for the penalty spot.

If Barbazza goes to second division Italian soccer — a tough climbing grade — these outmoded methods had better be left behind. A trick pulled once will mostly succeed and you'll get away with it. But make another try and the Lombardi boys will put you down so hard — outside the area — the only thing you'll get will be a stretcher and two attendants.

I suggest this week that as a centre, you stay on your feet — a player on the ground is useless. Wear shinguards; it instils confidence. Follow Kenny's openings more closely and with that attempted perhaps foul shots will come your way this week.

That will be exactly three more than you got last week.

TOUGH TEAM

Croat needn't fear Juventus and a good, tough team can always exploit their weaknesses.

Croat aren't good, but they can be upsettingly tough on teams like Juventus, who don't relish a game when the chips are really on the table.

Man for man there is no comparison. Croat are still without the right men in the key positions and until they arrive can't expect to get points easily. Not even at Elsternwick Park.

MILD v SLAVIA

Moredale will take the field once again this week with little chance of taking any points.

Slavia are Melbourne's slowly creeping up the ladder side, like someone intent on eloping, and no doubt before the season ends this mixture of Scots and those who'd like to be Scots will be eloping with quite a surprising number of points before the season calls it a day.

This Slavia team and its officials are used to shocks, to such an extent that they now go off to every game prepared for anything and I do mean anything.

However, this week at least, I'm sure they won't have use for the long studded boots with the water-proof soles. Not unless the CSIRO have selected Campbell Reserve for their rain-making experiments!

Whatever the condition of the ground this week, whether dry or unnaturally wet, Slavia will run off the goals necessary to grab both points.

CARRIES GAME

Cook is in the goals again, and even if he gets some of them really awkward — what's the odds? He carries the game to the centre-half and anyone else who cares to get in the way.

This feature of the Slavia leader takes a lot of the attention off his inside men and leaves Ramousek and Drda, particularly the inside-left, plenty of space to unleash some of his piledrivers.

McCrae may be back at right-back after a bout of the local 'flu and David is playing well enough to retain the left-back stance.

TRYING DAY

Moredale have very little up front to make it a trying day for the strong Slavia half-line, where Glennie has recovered from injury and adding his usual intelligent support to the never failing Berry and Winkler.

Moredale's trying need is a good reliable goalkeeper, but something else that necessitates a few tears must surely be the lack of anyone really determined in defence, as it takes a lot of shots at goal before 52 goals enter the net and the keeper can hardly be held responsible for mistakes made outside his territory.

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MELBOURNE WILL NEED ALL THE LUCK

By DUNCAN McDougall

In taking two precious points from Polonia last week the Melbourne Hungarians were more than blessed with a good deal of luck. At McDonald Reserve, where they are hosts to Hakoah, they will need all the luck they can muster, plus a lot more skill than they have shown during the past few weeks.

Injuries have upset the Melbourne side to a large degree, and the recent ill fortune to Banhdi will further add to their troubles.

Facing Hakoah every team needs to be at full power, and although Melbourne can call on reasonably good reserves, their hopes of tossing Hakoah, even with home ground advantage, are virtually nil.

Melbourne's strength lies in the main with its defence, which could hold it in good stead today as Hakoah's forward line has deteriorated somewhat since the turn of the season.

At left-half Pribil is as good as they come, and Garrett performs consistently, given the necessary inducement from his team-mates, by making full use of his intelligent passes.

At centre-half Becsi could have a good or a bad day, depending on whether the Hakoah wing-halves and inside-forwards make McQuillan battle as hard uphill for decent service as he was forced to do against Micic and J.U.S.T.

Hakoah will win, make no mistake about that.

Their all-round power — providing each man sparks at the same time — will be too much for a weakened Melbourne.

How difficult Hakoah's task of gaining ascendancy early in the game lies solely in the hands of Hakoah's tactical chief — whoever he may be. Frankly, I doubt if they have such a person.

Against J.U.S.T. Hakoah's idea of a co-ordinated attack would have made a juvenile team blush. But it wouldn't have embarrassed them for long, simply because someone would have been out on that touchline bawling out the wing-halves and inside-forwards for persistently supplying a "wee man" centre-forward with giant size passes! Or didn't the responsible official notice that Micic was made to look good and McQuillan "small" by Hartley and Villers?

I advocated Hartley some weeks back as an inside-forward — purely on his shooting ability. Villers has the ability to win games, but until he learns to use up any spare ground that comes his way the long ill-judged passes will be like manna to the opposition defenders.

Three seasons ago I said Mannering in goal would make the grade and I reckon if there's a more competent keeper in Victoria today the other State teams must be keeping him in reserve.

Hakoah's Alexander and Woodward are old timers now and are only matched in coolness and consistency by Adams in the middle.

This trio alone will be the rocks on which Melbourne's forwards will perish.

ADAMS IS NEW GLOBE LEADER

Hakoah centre-half Bobby Adams this week took a one-point lead in The Sporting Globe Soccer award for 1962.

He leads Stan Sklarek (Polonia) second, and Johnny Margarites (SM-Hellas), third.

This is how the leaders stand:

19: Adams (Hakoah)
18: Sklarek (Polonia)

17: Margarites (SM-Hellas)
15: Falzon (George Cross); Griggs (Juventus)

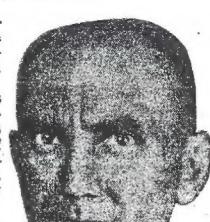
14: Jurecki (Polonia); Berry (Slavia)

12: Sal (Croat); Voight (Lions)

11: Mladenovic (J.U.S.T.); Kamboropoulos (SM-Hellas)

10: Frangioni (Juventus); Becci (Melb.)

9: Djukic (Croat); Whyman (Moreland); Glenrie (Slavia); Beerendronk, Van Alphen (Wilhelmina).



DUNCAN McDougall

That talent is still there, but what's the use of it when half the time Hartley is floundering around miles behind the play like a Clydesdale in a point-to-point?

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ASPENDALE TO FORM SENIORS

Aspendale will form senior team next season

Players interested should contact secretary Jim Rae, phone XJ 4502.

A practice match will be held this Saturday a 1.30 p.m. at McCully Reserve, Ruvina St, Mordialloc.

HOMESICK ?

Joe Baker, of Turin, has been transferred to Arsenal. He must have been homesick for England.

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COBURG FIRST WITH 100 GOALS

By ONLOOKER

At last it's happened! Croatia have dropped a point, Richmond have lost their first game of the season against Sandringham, and Coburg have scored their 100th goal!

Croatia drew with Box Hill in a rugged match last Saturday at Mbley Park, while in the First Division South, Richmond lost easily to Sandringham. Supporters of both sides are awaiting the outcome of the test by Sandringham against Makedonia.

If Sandringham win protest they'll move to equal first place the ladder with Richmond, and then it'll be a neck and neck struggle to see which gains promotion.

FIRST NORTH
Victories to University, Corio, Sicilia, and draw between Collingwood and Moonee Ponds have made the relegation struggle worse. There are now eight teams all lose to one another on the ladder.

An interesting round of matches is listed to be

played this Saturday. Croatia at home to Collingwood will have to play at their top to beat the equal bottom team. Collingwood are fighting all the way to stave off relegation, but they may go down in a close game.

Alexander, who are slowly sliding towards the bottom of the ladder, faces a tough game against Sunshine City, who know that if they lose they too will slip further down. It should be a ding-dong struggle for survival by both teams, with the more robust Sunshine favored to win two points.

Corio and Heidelberg, equal third bottom, meet

at Heidelberg. The uneven surface of the Heidelberg ground will favor the home team and they could scrape a point in this game.

University, who are in a winning run — they have not lost for five weeks — should defeat Sicilia, who returned to the winning list last week with a 4-0 win over Heidelberg.

Maccabi, who are eighth on the ladder with 12 points, meet Box Hill. It is hard to see the Hillmen losing, but Maccabi do not give up until the final whistle has blown.

In the other game Moonee Ponds play Fiorentina. This should follow the pattern of the other games this Saturday by producing a close result.

FIRST SOUTH

Sandringham, who are breathing down the neck of Richmond, meet Bayswater in what should be the best match of the round. Bayswater are playing consistent soccer and could give the "Hammers" a hard time. Sandringham should run out winners but the margin will be close.

Richmond fortunately faces an easy game, which they should win. Against Geelong, they will boost their percentage.

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At the bottom of the ladder Sunshine Heights, Croydon and Rosebud do not look as though they will alter their positions very much, although Rosebud should gain a point against Sunshine Heights.

The promotion picture is still undecided in this league, and all teams are striving each week to record a victory. Dandenong, who lost to Geelong last week in the surprise of the round, will need to be at their best to beat traditional rivals Ferntree Gully. Gully, in need of points, should have the incentive to win.

Makedonia meet Brighton in a game that could produce a turn up. Makedonia are playing well and may have too many guns for Brighton, although this team is quietly consolidating their position on the ladder.

In the other games Yalourn will not be any opposition for Austria, and Trident should gain much needed points against Oakleigh.

SECOND NORTH

Two big scores were the highlight of this league last weekend. Coburg reached the coveted 100 goal mark and were the first team to do so in Victorian soccer this season, and Bendigo had a 10-0 victory over Seymour.

Williamstown and Libertas also gained wins. Williamstown this week face a hard match against N/Olympia but they should win.

Libertas at home to St. Albans should record two points, while Coburg will get among the goals against ICI.

Essendon, Bendigo and Fairford will be too strong for Seymour, C'wealth Banks and WWF and should consolidate their positions on the ladder.

SECOND SOUTH

The top four teams — Triestina, Frankston, Park Rangers, and Kensington — all had comfortable victories in the last round, and all are bunched together at the head of the table.

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MORELAND v. SLAVIA

(Cont. from page 3)

It has been suggested from time to time that Moreland will crack it for a win sometime. Personally I doubt it and am certain that this week will once again see Moreland pointless.

Moreland have the nucleus of a creditable combination in Stewart, Keulen and Ormond in defence, with promising forwards Kirkpatrick and Richmond. Couple these players with the "stars" Moreland gave away in the recent past seasons and I'm equally sure Moreland wouldn't be wooden-spooners.

Your Metropolitan Round-up

Coburg are having a club social in the pavilion on July 29. It is a social-night at which supporters and players will get together and have fun. All Coburg supporters are welcome and for further information can contact FL 6246.

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The 100th goal for Coburg this season was scored by Pat Murray in the 85th minute of their game against Commonwealth Banks last week. This is Pat's first season in Australian soccer. Coburg officials are highly delighted with his performance and his combination with Frank Loughran is something to be seen.

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Coburg's leading scorers this season are Early 37 and Loughran 20.

SECOND NORTH

Vice-treasurer Paul Kostov, 35, has promised Makedonia Soccer Club a full dress for the coming season. This includes jumpers, socks and shorts. The only condition attached to this is that the club must finish in a respectable position on the ladder around the half-way stage. The committee of Makedonia would like to thank this gentleman for a fine gesture.

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At the last committee meeting of Makedonia it was decided to have club badges made. These will be suitable for wearing on the lapels of coats, and will be on sale to members and supporters this week.

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During the month of August Makedonia will play a State League club to honor the Republic of Macedonia National day. The date, titled Ilinden, will probably be the first or second Sunday in the month.

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Ferntree Gully Soccer Club held a party last Saturday at the home of the secretary, Ben Vermeulen. The party was organised to celebrate the 21st birthday of first team right-back Peter Sars. About 33 members of the club and their friends attended.

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"ONLOOKER" is conducting a competition to find the leading goalscorer in all grades of metropolitan soccer this season. Clubs are asked to ring him on a Saturday evening between 8 and 9.30 with match reports and progress totals of club scorers.

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One of the founders of Ferntree Gully Soccer Club, Mr Bill de Rooy, left the Ferntree Gully district last week to take up a position at the Wilhelmina sports ground. Members of the club presented him with going away presents in recognition of sterling service performed for the club.

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One of Ferntree Gully's greatest players, Tony Schoemaker, 25, who received a serious injury in the first game of last sea-

son and who has not played since, has just recovered from a successful operation on his knee. He cannot play for another three months but is concentrating on strengthening the leg for next season.

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Makedonia, who held a successful ball on June 23, will be holding another one shortly. Watch this column for further announcement. It will be held at the Macedonian Church Hall, Young St, Fitzroy.

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Congratulations to Box Hill player Peter Keys on his recent engagement to Miss Margaret Campbell. Margaret is a keen Box Hill follower. Soccer Weekly wishes them every happiness in the future.

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Sandringham junior George Xidakis showed promise at right-wing for Sandringham reserves and scored a fine goal. Regulars Willems and Webster showed good form after injuries in the same team.

★

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In conjunction with the rally, the Ferntree Gully social club will hold a ball the following Saturday, August 25, in the Ferntree Gully Progress Hall

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SOCER MAN'S DIARY

By DON SUTHERLAND

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CONSIDERABLE discussion has taken place in Federation circles recently over the number of protests which have been lodged concerning alleged ineligible players. By the time this appears in print, Council will have considered two written notices of motion to rescind two previous decisions which awarded points to St. Melb.-Hellas and Juventus, following Slavia's inclusion in their line-up of player L. David, who had not been properly transferred from Melbourne.

A recent resolution of the State League Management Committee indicates that the earlier decisions will be reversed but that future infringements of this nature will be firmly dealt with.

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STH. MELB.-HELLAS supporters are excited about the news of the impending arrival of another star player from Greece. The player, who is expected to arrive this week, is reported to be one of the best Greek soccer players ever to have come to Australia. Hellas officials were not sure, until recently, that the player was coming because he had been selected to play in a representative team.

Hellas supporters are still in raptures about the play of recent arrival Boulos Kamboropoulos. A recent report from Hellas' publicity officer, Des Hamilton, states "Kamboropoulos goes from strength to strength, his game against Croat surpassed his previous efforts. With training he is getting faster, and he works constantly up and down the field. His passing is consistently good and as soon as he gives a pass he intelligently moves off to an open space for the return. He has excellent ball control. He takes the roughest handling without as much as an unpleasant look on his face. His mature, good nature, both on and off the field, is something all players, both good or poor, young or old, could take a lot of notice of, and thus make this game of soccer a greater pleasure for team officials and the public."

Des Hamilton's comments will be echoed by all of us and I am sure that players of the stature of Kamboropoulos will make a great contribution to the progress of Victorian soccer generally, as well as to the progress of their individual clubs.

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ALEMANIA-RICHMOND suffered their first defeat of the season last Saturday, when they went down to Sandringham City 5-2. In recent weeks the Richmond team has been well below the form which it exhibited earlier in the season and they will need to show great improvement to retain their slender one-point lead on the premiership ladder. Their nearest challenger, Sandringham City, will gain great confidence from their victory, particularly since they were two goals down early in the game, and the battle for promotion to the State League promises to be an exciting struggle to the final whistle.

The Richmond "Old Boys" team, with players all over 35 years of age, is very keen to obtain friendly fixtures with similar teams or with lower teams in the first and second divisions. In recent years the team has had many successes and they hope that in the near future there will be championships for "Old Boys" teams. Clubs interested in arranging friendly games on Sundays against Richmond "Old Boys" should ring JB4998 from 6-8 p.m., or the Club Tivoli (JB3069).

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LIONS SOCCER CLUB have not had a great deal of success in the State League this season but the club is hoping for better results in the games ahead. Lions are holding one of their very enjoyable dances on Saturday, 4th August, at 5 Russell Street, Essendon (opposite Essendon station). A liquor licence has been obtained and all visitors will be warmly welcomed.

Bayswater Soccer Club is holding a dance this Saturday at the modern hall adjoining this ground, and secretary Heinz Vollmer cordially invites all soccer officials, players and supporters to join them in a pleasant social setting.

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I HAVE BEEN asked many times recently about the rumors which are circulating in regard to promotions and relegations. I can only assure Metropolitan League clubs that I have heard of no official intention to try to alter the rights of promotions, which have applied in recent seasons. The top club in each of the Metropolitan 1st Divisions will be promoted to State League and the five top teams in each of the 2nd Divisions will be promoted to the 1st Divisions to replace the bottom two teams in each of these divisions, who will be relegated.

However, no firm decision has yet been made as to whether the State League next year will consist of 12 or 14 teams, although present indications are that a 12-team league will operate as in previous years.

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MR THEO MARMARAS, Chairman of the Victorian Soccer Federation, is to be congratulated on the

success of his recent discussions with the Australian Soccer Federation in Sydney, which resulted in Victoria being allocated £3875 of the £15,000 which the English Pools Promotions pay for the use of Australian results in their summer pools competitions.

Incidentally, I was pleased to hear Mr Marmaras express confidence in the fact that Australia may shortly be released from the suspension imposed by F.I.F.A., the world-controlling body. Whilst in Townsville recently, I met Paul Hawthorne, formerly a star goalkeeper with the Annerley club in Queensland. Paul's father is president of the Brisbane and Ipswich Soccer League, which operates separately from the Queensland Soccer Federation, and out of a friendly discussion on the pros and cons of Federation or Association emerged a wager of a Queensland Casket ticket that Australia would be fully readmitted to F.I.F.A. by the end of 1962!

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IN MY COLUMN last year I wrote that referee Mr Bert de Lange, was, in my opinion, worthy of promotion to the "A" grade list. I was told by some referees that I should not make such personal opinions public, and with this I would generally agree. However, I recently saw Mr de Lange referee what could have been a very difficult game in the Metropolitan League and his performance has convinced me still further that this referee is, in my humble opinion, still one of the best referees regularly officiating at Metropolitan League games.

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: A really good player gives his best for the full 90 minutes — or — "a winner never quits, and a quitter never wins!"

YOUR MATCH REPORTS

SANDRINGHAM-RICHMOND

Sandringham, two goals down after 20 minutes and with Curtis being injured, were still the most successful team at Olive Street this season to convincingly defeat unbeaten Richmond 5-2.

Richmond, faster to the ball, worried Sandringham in the early stages of the game. The visitors were slow until full-back Laughton inspired them with his strong driving play.

Reid and Bell scored five goals and the teams were level at half-time 2-2. Sandringham really rose to the occasion in the second half, were yards faster to the ball, and had better team work, showing possibly the finest soccer ever by a Sandringham team.

Bell completed his hat trick and captain Reid added a fifth against a struggling Richmond team. Referee de Lange gave a fine exhibition of his art, which produced many thrills and many sore throats.

Sandringham best players — Laughton, Bell and Hyndman. COBURG-CWELTH BANKS

No score in the first 30 minutes but at half-time the score was 3-0. The Cweltch Bank keeper Traunau played well and full-back Marshall and centre-half Brinkhoff, strongly saving numerous clearances in the goal square. During the second half better physical condition and soccer helped Coburg score 10 goals. The Bank team fought its way well and finally, and this was commendable,

Golacokers — Loughran 4, Miller 2, Sacco 2, Early 2, Calens 2, Murray 1.

AUSTRIA-MAKEDONIA

The Austria-Makedonia game, which was postponed last Saturday, will probably be rearranged. The referee, Mr Alexander, refused to play the game until Austria provided police. Austria failed to do this and the referee abandoned the match. Austria then approached Makedonia to play the game under the control of an Austrian official, but Makedonia correctly

refused to do this. Under the rules of the constitution, any club which fails to provide police when ordered to do so loses the points.

FERNTREE GULLY-YALLOURN

In this game the result was a goalless draw. Yalourn had the share of the game in the first half, but Ferntree Gully had most of the play in the second half. They could not penetrate the rock-like defense of the Yalourn team, which throughout the game was quite high and it was a fair, hard game and a good spectacle to watch. Best players: Ferntree Gully — J. Foot, Tony de Kort, Yalourn — Bill Eller.

BAYSWATER-OAKLEIGH

Both defenses were superior in the first half until the 43rd minute when Smessner crashed home a terrific left foot drive from 40 yards in the back of the net. The second half was played very hard and several names were taken by the referee. Oakleigh kept attacking, but could not penetrate the Bayswater defense. After Eller had the ball, Bayswater maintained further attack when John Ashard headed a cross pass home and in the 30th minute a third goal was registered when an Oakleigh defender deflected the ball into his own net.

Best players for Bayswater — Plumb, Imberger.

BOX HILL 1, CROATIA 1

In one of many years at Wembly Park, Box Hill fought back to equalise from a penalty. Peter Hagar opened the scoring in the third minute with a great shot from 20 yards, which gave Hagar no chance. Just before the interval, a great save by Hagar just prevented Croatia from increasing their lead.

White saved Box Hill twice in quick succession after half-time with clearances off the line. Keys equalised from the penalty spot after a foul on Roberts. The game deteriorated with tempers becoming frayed, and the game finished with Box Hill a little fortunate to share the spoils.

Jimmy Garrett wins praise for courage

If soccer offered a medal for courage, Jimmy Garrett of Melbourne must surely be one of the leading candidates for the honor. His nose was smashed in the game against Croat a fortnight ago. It was doctorated at the Alfred Hospital on the following Tuesday. Four days later — last Saturday — he took the field for his side against Polonia with a plaster across his nose, a swollen face, and two black eyes! What's more, he saw the match right through to a win!

To what depths has Polonia fallen since winning the championship last year! Last Saturday, against Melbourne's patched-up side, and against only 10 men through most of the second half after Steve Banhidi went off with a crack in the same leg that was broken last summer, Polonia failed to score!

at last, but not to advantage. Firstly, he played like a man who isn't anywhere near the peak of fitness. Secondly, his liberty was curtailed after he was expertly fitted with a ball-and-chain by Hakoah "warder" Bobby Adams, who shared best-man-afield honors with Vero Miladonovic.

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If Melbourne avoids relegation at the end of the season, one of its benefactors will have been Polonia full-back Marian Gasior, who unluckily put the ball into his own goal to give Melbourne a win, two points, and a three-point break over the second-last relegation candidate, Lions.

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Wilhelmina has frattered away its pennant chance with six draws. The Dutchmen have now tied with George Cross, Juventus, J.U.S.T., Polonia, Hakoah and Slavia. If they had scored just one more goal against Juventus, J.U.S.T. and Hakoah, they would now be the joint leaders level-peggng with Hellas instead of down in fifth place. In the last six rounds, Wilhelmina meets only the five tailenders and J.U.S.T., and should at least make the "four".

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History repeated itself for J.U.S.T. last Sunday. Remember its Ampol Cup match against Moreland last summer? Remember how it was awarded two penalties and missed them both? It did the same thing against Hakoah last Sunday at The Park! This time, each missed penalty cost J.U.S.T. a match point. Together, they cost J.U.S.T. its chance for the championship of 1962.

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Week after week, we see J.U.S.T.'s classy approach play by Russim, Mladenovic and Marinovic wasted by poor wing play, yet the same players are named every week. Why not give a couple of reserve players a chance on the wings? They have helped to score 66 goals in their league. They might do better than the seniors. They may not. But they certainly couldn't do worse, and it could be worth a try.

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Burly J.U.S.T. centre-forward Yagodic was seen in action

George Cross now has an all-Maltese defense and an all-British Isles attack with a strong Scottish flavor. The Scots are wing-halves McKenna and Binnie and forwards Campbell, Gibb and Copeland. The other two forwards are Englishman Hodgson and Irishman Terry. At the other end, the Maltese boys are Azzopardi, Muscat, Falzon and Saeed.

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Hellas' 4-2-4 system doesn't work that way in practice. It's really a 3-1-3-3 system in play. The stopper and two fullbacks make a line of three. The fourth fullback is the real centre-half, patrolling the ground between the half-way line and the 18-yard line. The right-half and the two inside-forwards work as a trio to initiate attacking moves, then move up to help the front-line triad — the two wingers and the centre-forward to finish off the attacks.

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Johnny Margarites replaced the resting Teddy Smith at inside-left against Croat, but he didn't get into stride until he switched back to inside-right. The goals came quickly after that.

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Boulos Kamboropoulos is a coach's dream. He doesn't have to be taught a thing. He's a born soccer player who simply does everything by instinct.

● More Match Points

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STATE LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
S.M.-HELLAS	16	11	1	4	37	14	23
JUVENTUS	16	10	3	3	35	16	23
HAKOAH	16	10	3	3	32	16	23
J.U.S.T.	16	8	4	4	20	14	20
WILHELMINA	16	7	6	3	31	22	20
GEORGE CROSS	16	8	3	5	31	21	19
SLAVIA	16	6	4	6	23	21	16
POLONIA	16	6	2	8	20	20	14
CROAT	16	5	3	3	14	25	13
MELBOURNE	16	5	2	9	21	37	12
LIONS	16	3	3	10	16	31	9
MORELAND	16	0	0	16	10	51	0

- What's on at Olympic Park -

(Gates open 1.45 p.m. Kickoff 2.45 p.m.)

Sat., July 21: J.U.S.T. v George Cross.

Sun., July 22: S. M.-Hellas v Polonia.

Sat., July 28: Hakoah v S.M.-Hellas.

Sun., July 29: Polonia v Juventus.

(no curtain-raiser between Reserves or Metropolitan teams will be played during July).

JUNIOR SOCCER TABLES

UNDER-12 ZONE "A"

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Ajax	9	9	1	1	75	29	29
Trident	8	3	0	5	2	0	2
Olympia	6	3	2	3	22	10	20
Deer Park	6	2	2	2	22	10	20
Sunshine	3	1	5	5	15	10	10
Sacred Heart	3	1	7	1	1	9	9
E. St. Albans	1	1	0	1	0	1	1
Ajax	1	0	1	0	16	0	16

UNDER-12 ZONE "B"

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Wilhelmina	9	9	0	2	2	0	2
Slavia Port. M.	9	9	0	2	2	0	2
Aspendale	7	2	2	5	2	0	5
Frankston "A"	4	1	1	2	1	0	1
S.M.-Hellas	1	1	0	0	1	0	1
Frankston "B"	1	0	1	0	16	0	16

UNDER-12 ZONE "C"

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Wilhelmina	10	1	1	8	27	14	16
Sunshine C.	9	0	1	8	27	14	10
Olympia	7	0	4	3	22	10	10
Nth Sunshine	6	2	3	3	20	10	10
J.U.S.T.	7	0	4	3	20	10	10
Georgina	7	0	4	3	20	10	10
Lions, Melb.	4	0	7	3	8	7	7
Ajax	3	0	8	2	8	7	7
Deer Park	1	1	0	0	1	0	1
Essendon	0	0	7	0	0	7	7

UNDER-12 ZONE "D"

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Wilhelmina	9	9	0	2	2	0	2
Slavia Port. M.	9	9	0	2	2	0	2
Aspendale	7	2	2	5	2	0	5
Frankston "A"	4	1	1	2	1	0	1
S.M.-Hellas	1	1	0	0	1	0	1
Frankston "B"	1	0	1	0	16	0	16

UNDER-14 ZONE "A"

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Trient	11	1	1	9	37	27	17
Sunshine C.	10	1	1	8	27	24	16
Olympia	9	0	1	8	27	21	16
Nth Sunshine	7	0	4	3	22	10	10
J.U.S.T.	7	0	4	3	22	10	10
Georgina	7	0	4	3	22	10	10
Lions, Melb.	4	0	7	3	8	7	7
Ajax	3	0	8	2	8	7	7
Deer Park	1	1	0	0	1	0	1
Essendon	0	0	7	0	0	7	7

UNDER-14 ZONE "B"

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Springvale	11	1	1	9	37	27	17
S.M.-Hellas	9	1	1	8	27	24	16
Wilhelmina	7	0	4	3	22	10	10
Melbourne	6	2	3	3	22	10	10
Aspendale	4	1	1	2	13	12	11
Frankston "A"	4	1	1	2	13	12	11
Nth Sunshine	3	1	1	2	13	12	11
J.U.S.T.	2	0	5	0	5	0	5
Georgina	2	0	5	0	5	0	5
Lions, Melb.	1	0	1	0	1	0	1
Ajax	0	0	7	0	0	7	7
Deer Park	0	0	7	0	0	7	7
Essendon	0	0	7	0	0	7	7

UNDER-14 ZONE "C"

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Springvale	11	0	0	11	46	18	11
Frankston "A"	9	0	2	3	29	14	11
Frankston "B"	8	0	2	3	29	14	11
Frankston "C"	7	0	2	3	29	14	11
Frankston "D"	6	0	2	3	29	14	11
Frankston "E"	5	0	2	3	29	14	11
Frankston "F"	4	0	2	3	29	14	11
Frankston "G"	3	0	2	3	29	14	11
Frankston "H"	2	0	2	3	29	14	11
Frankston "I"	1	0	2	3	29	14	11

UNDER-14 ZONE "D"

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
W. Newport	9	0	2	4	36	18	11
Georgina	7	1	1	5	36	18	11
Glenmore	7	0	2	3	36	18	11
St. Albans	6	1	1	4	36	18	11
Georgina	5	1	1	4	36	18	11
St. Albans	4	1	1	4	36	18	11
Georgina	3	1	1	4	36	18	11
St. Albans	2	1	1	4	36	18	11
Georgina	1	0	1	4	36	18	11

UNDER-14 ZONE "E"

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Springvale	11	0	0	11	46	18	11
Frankston "A"	9	0	2	3	29	14	11
Frankston "B"	8	0	2	3	29	14	11
Frankston "C"	7	0	2	3	29	14	11
Frankston "D"	6	0	2	3	29	14	11
Frankston "E"	5	0	2	3	29	14	11
Frankston "F"	4	0	2	3	29	14	11
Frankston "G"	3	0	2	3	29	14	11
Frankston "H"	2	0	2	3	29	14	11
Frankston "I"	1	0	2	3	29	14	11

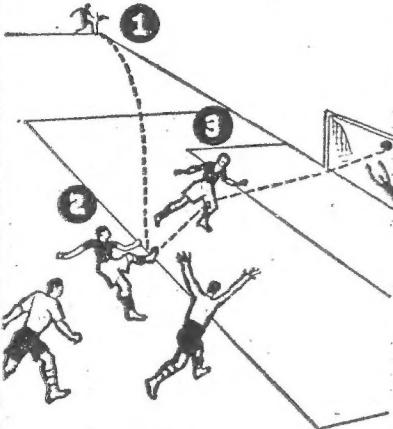
UNDER-14 ZONE "F"

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Melbourne	10	1	1	8	37	27	17
Brighton	9	1	1	8	37	27	17
Hakoah	7	1	1	8	37	27	17
Box Hill	6	2	3	2	36	18	11
Wilhelmina	5	2	3	2	36	18	11
St. Albans	4	1	1	2	36	18	11
Georgina	3	1	1	2	36	18	11
Ajax	4	1	1	2	36	18	11
Deer Park	2	1	1	2	36	18	11
Essendon	3	1	1	2	36	18	11

UNDER-14 ZONE "G"

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Ringwood	10	1	1	8	37	27	17
Springvale	9	1	1	8	37	27	17
Azurri	8	1	1	8	37	27	17
St. Albans	7	1	1	8	37	27	17
Wilhelmina	6	2	3	2	36	18	11
Georgina	5	2	3	2	36	18	11
Frankston "A"	4	1	1	2	36	18	11
Frankston "B"	3	1	1	2	36	18	11
Frankston "C"	2	1	1	2	36	18	11
Frankston "D"	1	0					

IS HE OFFSIDE?



Attacker No. 1 takes a corner kick which is met by player No. 2, who kicks for goal. The ball is deflected into the net by player No. 3. What would the referee's decision be?

ANSWER: Offside. Player No. 3 was nearer the goal line when the ball was shot and had only one defender, the goalkeeper, between him and the goal line.

FOCUS ON OPINION

THE SUNBURY NEWS, July 7:

"The fostering of Australian Rules, the Australian national game, is of the utmost concern of all who seek to popularise our unsurpassed winter sport. It will come as a shock to many to see Sunbury Police and Citizens' Youth club inviting boys to join a soccer club when every effort should be directed into producing young footballers to assist Sunbury to improve its inglorious position near the bottom of the premiership ladder. Many thousands of pounds are expended annually in an effort to overcome the menace of soccer and rugby in the Northern States."

ALBERT MERRILLS, Junior Soccer Publicity Officer: "Next Sunday the Junior Federation will be showing the soccer flag in the Geelong area. We're concentrating on Geelong first as this is one of the weaker junior soccer districts. We're very happy with the position at Frankston, where more than 40 Australian boys under-18 have recently enrolled for soccer and are playing with the Frankston club. The Frankston council has co-operated and provided us with another ground at Bruce Park."

SOCER WORLD, NSW: "Sydney soccer crowds are on the increase, despite claims from some quarters that there has been a falling off this season. A total of 491,500 spectators have watched all matches in the Metropolitan area, including South Coast United fixtures, since trial games began late in January. Besides trials this grand total includes interstate 'friendlies', Australian championship fixtures, Ampol Cup and all First, Second and Third Division competition matches. In 1961, 473,000 fans have watched similar Sydney matches."

"A total of 255,500 fans have watched the first 14 rounds of the First Division competition. Last year's attendance for the corresponding rounds was 244,000. Up to date, the weekly average is 18,200. Last season the average weekly attendance for the 22-week competition was 17,700."

W. E. GREEN, Lower Ferntree Gully: "As an ex-Arsenal official, I would like to congratulate the Wilhelmina and Slavia teams on their display at Ringwood last Saturday. Both sides played in the true spirit of our wonderful game and one can only hope that soccer in Australia will be conducted and contested on similar lines, and it is certain there will be many converts to soccer."

"Not one intentional foul was indulged in, and I saw two players (one from each side) shake hands after a minor incident. That's the spirit in which to play the game. Reiterating my thanks to the two teams who contributed to my pleasure last Saturday let me quote a well-known poem — It matters not if you won or lost — but how you played the game."

JUVENTUS LOSE A POINT!

The point recently awarded to Juventus by the Disciplinary Committee was withdrawn by the Federation Council on Tuesday night. Juventus are now on 22 points, in the State League third place under Hakoah.

GTV9 Special

ALEX BARR will have a special message for British soccer followers during his session on Tony Charlton's GTV9 "Sports" Show on Sunday, at approximately 1.15 p.m.

MRS BAYTCH IS HAKOAH P.R.O.

Mrs Edna Baytch, wife of Dr Henry Baytch, a prominent Hakoah official, has been appointed Hakoah Public Relations Officer — and she's on the ball! The club hold a theatre night, "My Fair Lady", on Saturday. Tickets available from Mrs Alexander, XJ 1021.

Hellas should toss Polonia in title quest

By MORRIE BUCKNER

In this year's thrilling race for the State League Championship Sth. Melb.-Hellas has come into the straight full of running, in the box seat, and on the bit-and should mow 'em down in the run home.

And at Olympic Park on Sunday, Polonia should follow Wilhelmina, Juventus, Lions and Croat to be Hellas' fifth victim in a row.

It is to be hoped that Hellas coach Mannie Poukakias will see fit to leave intact the team which toyed with Croat last week.

It is not only the best team in the top division, but the best side that Hellas can name.

Last week's eleven improved on previous combinations in two ways. Xanthopoulos roving as second centre-half with Kourikakes in the pivot spot behind him is a safer proposition in more ways than one than when the hard-hitting Ieremades is roaming the centre.

And Tsolakes back on the right wing with the mercurial opportunist Hatzeltheriou in the centre, gives Hellas a stronger front line, even at the expense of dropping Teddy Smith.

Last week's line-up gave Hellas the only team in the State League which is perfectly balanced from end to end, from side to side. Karposas, Kaligeros, Mantarakes, Papadopoulos, Kourikakes

giving injuries. All that is left is only a shadow of the Polonia of 1961.

An analysis of the last eight rounds points clearly to Hellas as the winner: Polonia — 2 wins, 1 draw, 5 defeats, 9 goals for, 11 goals against; Hellas — 7 wins, 1 draw, 1 defeat, 16 goals for, 4 goals against.

And since the brilliant Kamboropoulos joined the side, Hellas has won four in a row to the tune of 10 goals to one.

On the other side, Polonia's attack has suffered all season from the loss of Janczyk's brains and through Jurecki's persistently nag-

The fans at the Park on Sunday will be watching the 1962 champions in action at the peak of their form — and that will be a real treat!

Soccer Weekly Team

Here is the Soccer Weekly team chosen from State League sides. Selections are made from the best players as nominated by an independent panel of observers.

Players are chosen on a point system. Our panel may select and award one point to as many as three players from one match or none at all.

Players are chosen for their consistent form, high standard of play, conduct and team work. In fact, the all-round club player is the man that is worthy of a position in the Soccer Weekly team.

KARPOUSAS
(Hellas 8 pts)

BUKKOS
(Juventus 5 pts)

FALZON
(George Cross 6 pts)
GRIGGS
(Juventus 8 pts)
MLADENOVIĆ
(J.U.S.T. 6 pts)

VAN ALPHEN
(Wilhelmina 8 pts)
KELLY
(J.U.S.T. 7 pts)

VELLA
(Polonia 5 pts)
JURECKI
(Polonia 6 pts)
COPELAND
(George Cross 5 pts)

Other players who have scored points:—

Glennie, Cook, Berry, Haasz (Slovia), Burns, Whynman, Richmond (Moreland), Marth, Voigt (Lions), Rusmir, Jankovic (J.U.S.T.), Acunzo, Frangioni, Barbazza (Juventus), McKenna, Corp, Gibb, Muscat (George Cross), Gronowski, Szylowski, Dudon, Sklarek (Polonia), Kourkoulakis, Papadopoulos, Kamboropoulos, Margaritis (Hellas), Garrett, Vajda, Bessi (Melbourne), Silvar, Rau, Djukic (Croat), Beerenndonk, Vlugels, Mathysen, De Bruyckere (Wilhelmina), McQuillan, Mannering, Adams, Alexander, Haynes, Villers, Thomas (Hakoah).

JUNIOR "WASTE" IN N.S.W.

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"This is the only way we can build our future first division sides with Australian-born players.

"Thousands of youngsters are attracted to soccer each year, but they have to have specialised coaching if they are to develop to the standard set by some of the top migrant players now in Sydney."

"The Federation has to capture the interest of the kids."

"It is impossible for the junior organisations, with their limited finance and facilities, fully to develop juniors."

"We can expect the present vast loss of juniors each year until the top officials controlling the code become aware of this annual wastage."

The recent ruling of FIFA, the world authority controlling soccer, that national sides must comprise native-born players is expected to awaken senior officials here about the need to develop juniors.

Australia, at present a disqualified nation, is expected soon to regain affiliation with FIFA.



LEXI'S TWO BEST FRIENDS